

Town of Shrewsbury - Board of Selectmen
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building-Selectmen's Meeting Room
100 Maple Avenue
Monday, October 6, 2003 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

Present:

Bruce Card, Maurice DePalo, John Lebeaux, Philip Hammond, and Daniel Morgado, Town Manager. Mr. DePalo called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Preliminaries:

1. Approve bills, payrolls and warrants #0425 in the amount of \$1,433,871.75, #0426 in the amount of \$3,738,838.75, #0427 in the amount of \$277,870.91 and #0428 in the amount of \$736,093.09.
2. Approve Minutes of September 22, 2003. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve.
3. Announcements – Mr. DePalo advised that the Town has recently lost a long time resident, Joseph Davolio. Mr. Davolio was a veteran of the submarine corps, and served as a Town Meeting and Senior Center Building Committee member. He will be missed. Mr. DePalo announced that the Board of Health will be holding their Annual Influenza and Pneumonia Clinic on Thursday, October 23rd at the at the Senior Center from 9:00am -12:00 noon. Only residents 65 and over are eligible for the shots. Mr. DePalo added that he had recently attended the election meeting of CMRPC's Central Mass. Metropolitan Planning Organization where he was elected to a one year term as the representative from the Northeast sub region. Mr. Lebeaux advised the Town had lost two other residents in addition to Mr. Davolio. John Dunn, Town Meeting Moderator for many years and Elizabeth Osborne, Library Director from 1964-1977. They will also be missed.
4. Town Manager's Report - Nothing other than what is on the Agenda.

Meetings:

Public Hearings:

5. 7:05pm – Kerry Vokes d/b/a Nick's Auto Sales, 235 Hartford Turnpike, Show Cause Hearing. Mr. Depalo said that an e-mail had been received from Mr. Vokes today asking that he be allowed to surrender his license at the end of the month to give him time to wrap up business at his present location. Mr. DePalo suggested that the hearing be opened and adjourned until the November 3rd meeting to make sure the operation is actually closed down. Motion was made to adjourn the hearing until November 3, 2003 at 7:00pm. Motion was seconded and unanimously voted.

Old Business:

6. Letter from John Knipe Re: Maple Circle at Brightside Avenue sign. Mr. Knipe advises that this intersection does not qualify as a major intersection and does not recommend installation of signage at this time. The Board concurred with Mr. Knipe's recommendation.
7. Letter from John Knipe Re: School Zone, North Quinsigamond Avenue/Parker Road Preschool Signage. Not eligible for school zone signage as the Parker Road Preschool is not on North Quinsigamond Avenue. Mr. Knipe does not recommend. Person making the request will be advised of recommendation.

New Business:

8. S.T.A.R. Proposal to Join. Mr. Morgado explained that this is predominately a Western Mass. group and their primary issue is in the area of payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT). However, this is not the only thing they are involved in. Shrewsbury has a lot of state owned property and would stand to get a substantial amount if this was enforced. In the period FY99-FY04 approximately \$750,000 was lost. Dues to belong to this organization are \$25.00 per year. Following a short discussion, motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to join S.T.A.R.
9. Act to strike Special Speed Regulation #935, Lake Street & South Quinsigamond Avenue. Mr. Morgado explained that by acting to rescind the speed limit on South Quinsigamond Avenue the Board would then be allowed to change the speed limit to Thickly Settled - 30MPH. Motion was made to rescind Special Speed Regulation #935, Lake Street & South Quinsigamond Ave. Motion was seconded and unanimously voted.
10. Petition request from residents of Raymond and Summer Street for traffic study. Several residents have asked for a traffic study due to unusual circumstances in this area. Forward to Police Dept. and Engineering Dept. for study and report.

Mr. DePalo said that Nancy Allen, Director of Public Health, has asked that the Board sign on to special legislation to ban the distribution and sale of household cleaning products containing phosphorus. Motion was made to support Senate Bill 1252: An Act Relating to the Distribution and Sale of Household Cleaning Products Containing Phosphorus. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Executive Session:

11. Pending Litigation. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn into executive session at 7:28pm and not to reconvene for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The Board was polled, Mr. Card, yes, Mr. Lebeaux, yes, Mr. Hammond, yes, and Mr. DePalo, yes.

Communications:

12. Noted copy mailed: MMA Action Alert #15, September 19, 2003.
13. Noted copy mailed: MBTA Advisory Board Notice of Meeting Rescheduling.
14. Noted copy mailed: Dept. of Revenue Free Cash Notice. \$3.6 million is available to the Town of Shrewsbury.
15. Noted copy mailed: US Filter Monthly Compliance Report, August 2003.
16. Noted copy mailed: FY04 Mass. Community Development Block Grant Program Housing Development Support Program Application. (Complete application on file in BOS Office)
17. Noted copy mailed: Mr. Morgado's letter to Loretta Henry appointing her to the Commission on Disabilities.
18. Noted copy mailed: Notice of release of FY04 Chapter 90 Local Transportation Aid from Governor's office.
19. Noted copy mailed: Westborough Treatment Plant Board Meeting Minutes, 7/9/03, 7/24/03, 8/14/03, 8/27/03. Next meeting with Westborough board will take place within next 4-6 weeks.
20. Noted copy mailed: School Committee Meeting Agenda, 10/1/03.
21. Noted copy mailed: ZBA Meeting Agenda, 10/14/03.
22. Noted copy mailed: Letter from President of Aamco Transmissions regarding complaint. He has spoken to his employees and this activity will stop.
23. Noted copy mailed: ZBA withdrawal from Silver Auto Sales.
24. Noted copy mailed: ZBA minutes August 26, 2003 Tip Pond Corp.
25. Noted copy mailed: Letter from Robbin Miller Re: Oakland Avenue resident permits. Oakland Avenue and the area Ms. Miller is talking about are two different situations. The houses on Oakland Avenue were built long ago and many do not have driveways, the road itself is narrow and there is also a cliff as opposed to the street Ms. Miller refers to which is in a subdivision. Letter will be sent to Ms. Miller explaining this situation.
26. Noted copy mailed: ZBA minutes July 29, 2003 SSR Apartment Value Fund II.
27. Noted copy mailed: Planning Board Agenda 10/2/03
28. Noted copy mailed: Email from Michael Ferranti Re: Traffic on Dewey Rd. Referred to the Police Dept. for study.

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn into executive session at 7:28pm not to reconvene for the purpose of discussing value of real property.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice C. McCoy
Secretary